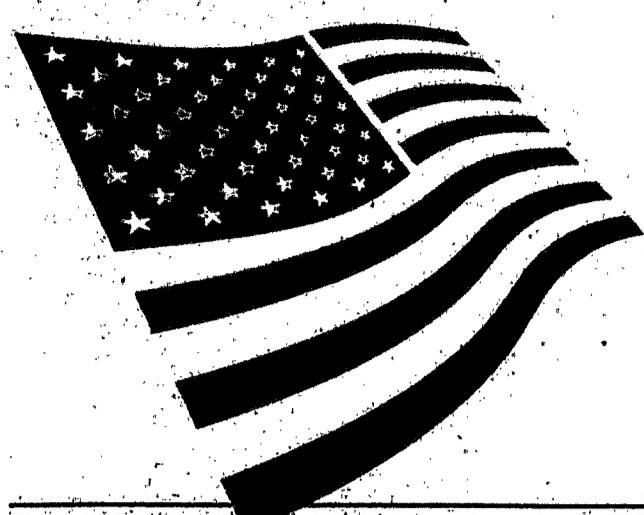


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Christmas in the Pass is Friday

Santa will visit for the 20th anniversary of Christmas in the Pass.

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PRCC wins national title!

The Pear River Community College Wildcats football team wins national championship.

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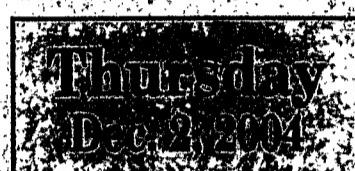
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Breakfast with Santa at St. Clare School

St. Clare School in Waveland will host its PTO pancakes with Santa breakfast on Sunday Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.-noon in the cafeteria. Located at 234 S. Beach - Waveland. Pictures with Santa. Copies will be available 2x6 for \$5. Plates will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for kids. Take out available.

Chicken/fish dinners at St. Rock UMC

St. Rock UMC, 301 Herlihy St. in Waveland, will host fried chicken and fish dinners from 11 a.m. 'til on Saturday. Delivery available. Call 467-4287.

St. Rose de Lima hosts catfish dinners

St. Rose Church, 301 S. Necessaire Ave. in BSI will host catfish dinners with potato salad, green beans, dessert and bread from 10:30 a.m.-til on Saturday. For delivery call Bobby Tate, 216-2223, or Sheila Twigg, 254-0221.

Bay, Waveland square off in annexation trial

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Fireworks from day one may have set the tone for annexation arguments between the City of Bay St. Louis and the City of Waveland. Due to what Waveland annexation attorney Chad Mask called "the most blatant abuse of

the rules of conduct for discovery" that he had ever seen, Mask introduced a motion asking presiding Judge James Thomas to disqualify the consulting firm used by Bay St. Louis - Bridge and Slaughter - from testimony in the proceedings.

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22 suspects nabbed in drug bust

'Operation Dope Buster' reaches across Hancock

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department's Narcotics Division got an early start Tuesday morning in conducting *Operation Dope Buster*, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Narcotics Division Agents were joined by Special Operations Officers, Investigators and several Deputies in 20 arrests in drug related cases. Major Matt Karl, Division director, said before noon Tuesday.

By press time on

Wednesday, Karl's office reported a total number of 22 arrests on the warrants had been made.

Karl did add, "We feel the vast majority of those we have warrants on will be arrested in the near future."

Sheriff Garber said, "We are still working to curb drug activities in the county. The Narcotics Division works very hard in gathering evidence for the round ups."

Officers were seeking some 43 suspects, primarily for sale of illegal drugs, Karl said adding, "There will be more arrested, as we have already received calls from several suspects we have warrants for who said they will turn themselves in."

Matt Karl

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Diamondhead home burns



Trooper strikes coke again, this time on routine tag violation

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus
A Mississippi State Trooper in making a tag violation stop nets second cocaine haul within three days, according to SSgt. Joe Gazzo, Highway Patrol Public Affairs officer.

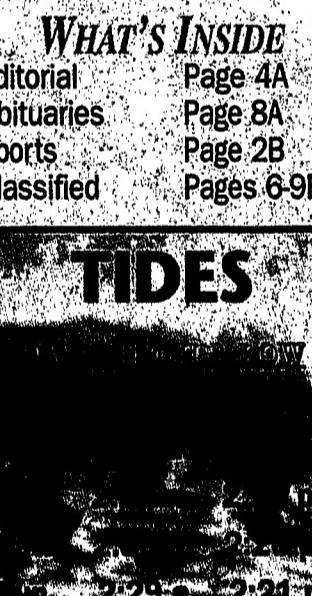
Gazzo said, "On Saturday

afternoon, Trooper James Ivory, while on patrol at mile marker 20, north of pass Christian, stopped a vehicle for a tag violation. In checking the drivers licenses for the two occupants, the driver's was

Public Affairs officer.

Gazzo said, "On Saturday

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Firefighter reports blaze

BY JOHN WATERMAN

Staff Writer

A blaze consumed a Diamondhead home early Sunday morning, according to the Diamondhead Fire Department.

At 6:27 a.m., two fire engines and a rescue truck responded to a report of a fire at 10768 Linahau Way - the report was made by one of the department's firefighters, who was on his way to work. The fire had spread over much of the residence by the

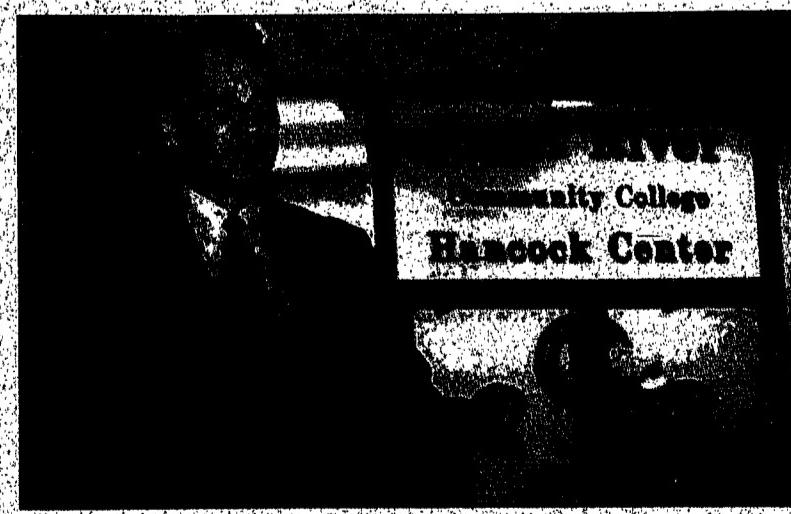
time firefighters arrived.

"When we got there, it was already through the roof," George Lear, a member of the Diamondhead Fire Department, said. "The main bedroom was already burnt out, and so were the walls."

According to Lear, it took about an hour to get the flames under control. No one was hurt during the fire, and no additional

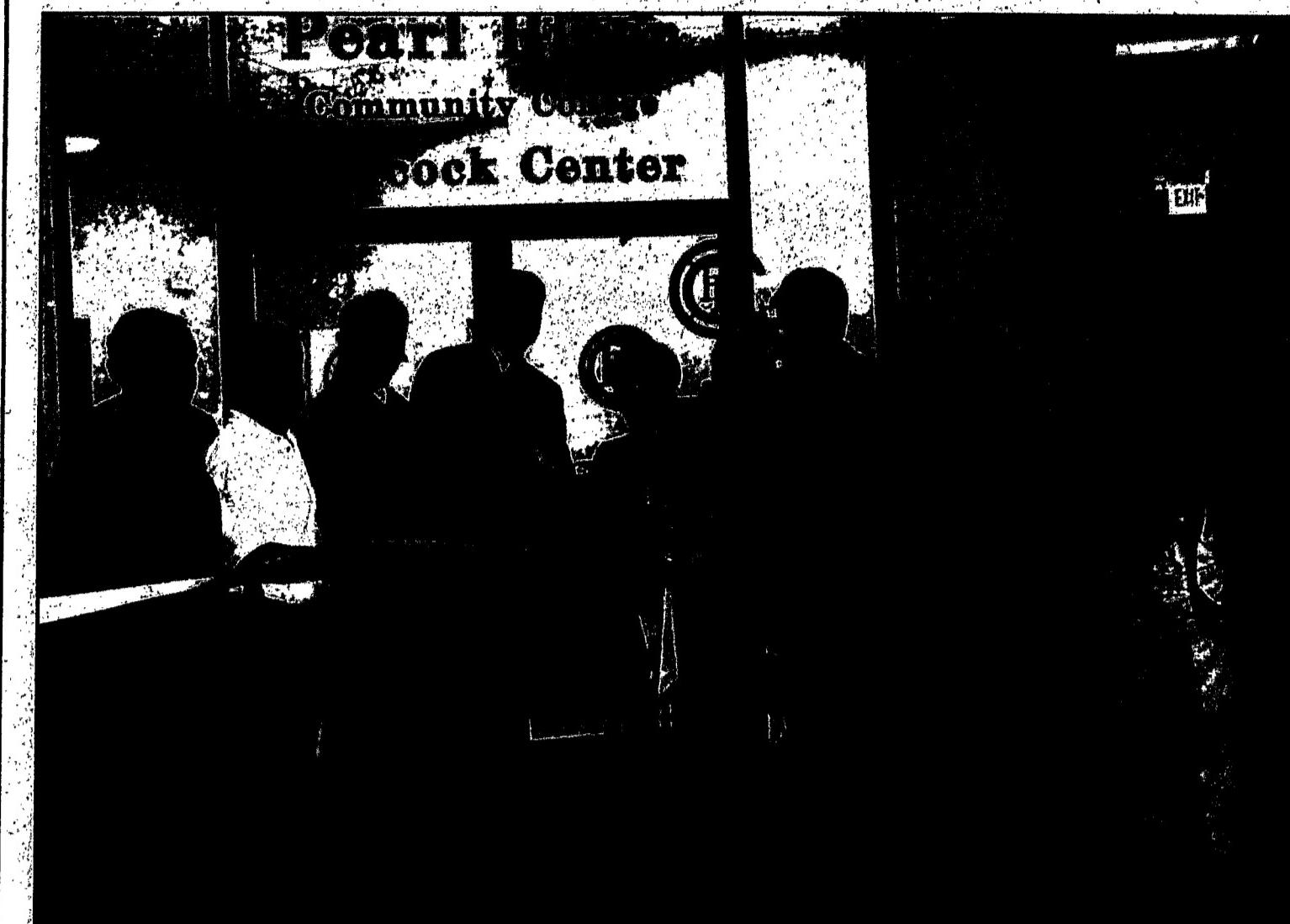
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Dr. William A. Lewis, president of Pearl River Community College, addresses the more than 300 people gathered at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the PRCC Hancock Center located in the old Wal-Mart building in Waveland, now renamed the Wave. Dr. Lewis said this opening was... "just the tip of the iceberg, a first step. We expect this to be the beginning of great things to come." The center will begin classes for the spring semester Jan. 10, 2005. Registration will be Jan. 3. More on page 2A.



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PRCC Hancock Center opens



Pearl River Community College (PRCC) opened its Hancock Center Tuesday night, Nov. 30 with ribbon cutting ceremonies before a crowd of more than 300 people. The center will begin classes Jan. 10, 2005 and will offer day and evening classes. Participating in ceremonies were from left, Dr. John Grant, PRCC's vice president of academic affairs, Hancock County Supervisor Jay Cuevas, Frank Ladner, member of the PRCC Board of Trustees, Dr. Gaynell Roberts, center coordinator, Waveland City Alderman Ricky Geoffrey, Hancock County Supervisor Lisa Coward, Dr. Sherry Ponder, chairman of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, M.K. Knight, member of the PRCC Board of Trustees and chairman of the college's building committee, David Yarbrough and Steve Seymour, both members of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Construction may delay traffic on Hwy. 607

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Department of Transportation plans to overlay approximately six-and-a-half miles of Highway 607 in Hancock County, from Highway 90 in Waveland to just before the Louisiana state line.

Todd Jordan, with the Mississippi Department of Transportation, said the project had been awarded to Huey Stockstill, Inc. of Hattiesburg. The estimated cost is \$928,681, with an estimated completion date of April 11, 2005.

Jordan said the actual construction had not yet begun, although road work signs had already been placed along the route in preparation. The highway itself will not be closed during the overlay work, although drivers can expect some traffic delays.

"I don't anticipate a road closure," Jordan said. "Some lanes will be closed, but traffic will be flagged around."

The Mississippi Department of Transportation urges caution when driving through work zones. According to their website, goMDOT.com, road work related fatalities have increased by 65 percent in the past five years.

Statistics show that drivers are killed or injured more often than road workers in these instances.

Coast Chorale performs

The Coast Chorale, a 40-voice Mississippi community chorus, will be presenting Camille Saint-Saens' Christmas Oratorio with orchestra, along with traditional carols of the season on Thursday, Dec. 9, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 12290 DePew Road, Gulfport, which is approximately 2 miles north of I-10 and 3 blocks east of Hwy. 49. The second will be Sunday, Dec. 12 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 Church Ave., just north of Hwy. 90, Pass Christian. Both programs begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

Pearlington Christmas Parade is Saturday

The Annual Pearlington Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 3 p.m. The Hancock County High School Band, cheerleaders and Jr. Miss will be in the parade along with area car and motorcycle clubs, fire departments, and floats. After the parade there will be a bonfire with choirs and caroling at the West Hancock County Fire House. Refreshments will be served. The parade will begin at the back of the Oak Harbor Subdivision, proceed down Hwy. 90 to Hwy. 604 and end at the red brick church (the Baptist Church).

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Governor's office to be on Coast Dec. 6-9

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In an effort to reach out to constituents who do not live near the Capitol, Governor Barbour is moving his office to the Gulf Coast and South Mississippi December 6 - 9 and plans to tour six counties during his visit.



Gov. Haley Barbour

parts of the state," said Governor Barbour. "This visit is intended to be an effort to bring state government closer to the people on the Gulf Coast and in South Mississippi. Recent events at the Capitol highlight even more the need to make the Coast feel more a part of the process in Jackson."

The Governor's staff and agency heads will fan out across George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties and be available to answer con-

"It is important for me to be available and hear the needs from citizens from all

constituent questions and work on specific case work."

A planning committee, made up of Gulf Coast and South Mississippi residents, has been diligently working on a schedule for the Governor's Office relocation.

They have planned stops at schools and industries, and meeting with numerous groups including senior citizens, veterans, civic clubs, first responders, economic development leaders, law enforcement, conservationists, educators, and elected officials.

The planning committee includes: Gabe Churchwell, Greene County; Ann

Hebert, Jackson County; Al Hopkins, Harrison County; Pat Jones, George County; Faith Koger, Hancock County; Victor Mavar, Harrison County; Howard McKissack, Harrison County; Marsha Peters, George County; Mr. Lynn Rouse, Jackson County; Wayne Tisdale, Harrison County; and Sue Turner, Greene County.

"I applaud the hard work of this planning committee," said Governor Barbour. "They have recommended some excellent events that will ensure we reach out to as many people as we can squeeze into four days."

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Children's Christmas Craft Fair Saturday in Waveland

Saturday, December 4, 2004, from 10am - 2pm, American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a Christmas Craft Fair at the American Legion Post 77, Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

This is for children ages 4-12. The cost is \$6 to include a craft kit of your child's choice, lunch, and other activities. Santa will be stopping by to visit with the children and pictures will be available with Santa for an extra \$3.

Children must be picked up by 2 p.m.

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St. Thomas Episcopal Women present 'Christmas Garland'

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The women of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead invite Gulf Coast residents to attend "A Christmas Garland," performed by three talented women from New Orleans and Mandeville. The program is an intertwining of words and music about the birth of Christ as seen through the eyes of three women in The Bible. It will take place on Monday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead.

Genevieve Munson Trimble is the narrator of the program. It is one of several programs she has created for various organizations throughout the New Orleans area and the Gulf

South. Gen is a published writer and a dedicated civic worker.

She chaired the opening of Lord and Taylor at the New Orleans Center with a benefit for New Orleans' City Park's Botanical Gardens. For her work at City Park and restoration of the gardens at Afton Villa, a home she owns in St. Francisville, La., Gen received the Garden Club of America Medal of Merit.

The "Christmas Garland" vocalist is Susan Dorris Carswell, a well-known sacred soloist, who attended the Juilliard School of Music in New York where she was a violin major. She serves as soloist at churches throughout the New Orleans and Mandeville/Covington areas and with the St. Louis

Cathedral choir, sang for the Pope in Rome.

Susan will be accompanied by Nell Winston Saussy. Nell has performed with New Orleans Children's Theater and the Taradiddle Players and in Loyola and Tulane University productions and at numerous benefit events. She sings regularly with New Orleans' Trinity Episcopal Church quartet and served as pianist and vocalist with the musical group Regeneration.

There is no charge for the program, which lasts about 40 minutes.

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Opinion

Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Around 7 p.m. Friday when I was out at the Hancock County Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center, I witnessed something which could have turned into a very serious development.

There were three bicycles, one of which had a passenger - making a total of four teenagers - traveling west on Highway 90.

They were moving rather rapidly on the highway, and as they approached Drinkwater Road, all three bikers ran a red light.

Luckily, there was not a vehicle crossing the highway on Drinkwater, as several of the teens could have been zapped.

There are already a lot of activities taking place at the intersection with the hospital and businesses in the area.

I am sure if an accident had occurred, the first three-letter word their parents would have thought about is 'sue.'

By the time a kid becomes a teenager, he should know enough about the rules of the road not to run red traffic signals.

Parents need to wake up and teach their children the importance of obeying all traffic rules.

To begin with, Highway 90 is not a place for someone to be riding a bicycle on at 7 p.m. on a Friday when traffic is at its heaviest on the highway.

I guess one thing about the situation was, if they were hit and they lived, they would not have to go far for medical treatment.

P.S. While on the subject of riding bicycles, -

there is now a perfectly good path along Beach Boulevard from Washington Street pier to the Garfield Ladner Memorial pier in Waveland.

Yet, there are folks who still ride along Beach Road instead of on the bicycle path.

It is the Holiday Season and yet business continues at the Hancock County Food Pantry.

Hopefully, folks will not forget the fine service the Food Pantry provides our community.

The volunteers at the local agency do a great job and the pantry depends on donations from the general public to help keep its shelves full for deserving folks.

I think it is great that area churches, organizations, businesses, groups, individuals and schools do special food drives to help the Food Pantry.

Recently, the students of East Hancock Elementary collected some 4,546 items for the pantry. This is a great task for the community and teaches our youngsters the importance of helping those in need.

Congratulations to each and everyone at Hancock Elementary for their great food gift.

There are others who need to be commended too.

The Hancock County Food Pantry is located in the Hancock County Court Annex at the Carroll Avenue entrance. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

They can always accept food and cash donations. Several merchants provide special reduced prices to the Food Pantry.

We shouldn't be fighting in Iraq

A McComb-based Mississippi National Guardsman told reporter Matt Williamson what was on the mind of a lot of 3,500 others with him in the state-wide Mississippi 155th Brigade Combat Team about to be deployed to Iraq:

"These guys who have been in 20, 25 years, all they've ever done is one weekend a month, two weeks a year, and now it's for real time," said Spec. Jonathan Kilcallen of the 155th Infantry battalion.

He added: "Real Army

works a lot different than a peace-time National Guard unit."

A colleague of his chimed in to observe: "It's not a Guard anymore." Comparing themselves to highly-trained regular Army troops, he said: "It's hard making National Guardsmen into that type of fighting machine."

Williamson, an experienced reporter for the McComb Enterprise-Journal, spent several days at Camp Shelby living with the Mississippi National Guardsmen, and wrote an

excellent three-part series replete with heartfelt feelings of the soldiers as their deployment is three weeks away.

Now these Mississippi Guardsmen find themselves uprooted from their civilian lives about to be tossed into an increasingly-unpopular foreign conflict their national leaders launched in a hostile desert land many miles away.

What's striking is that the Guardsmen, who reported to Hattiesburg's Camp Shelby when they were activated in August, have gotten little news about how things are going for the American military on the ground in Iraq the past four months.

One soldier asks: "You heard anything about Fallujah? I hear it's not been good."

Maybe it was just as well that he didn't know that more than 52 Marines and soldiers have died and 300 wounded there since the U.S. all-out offensive to retake the old minaret-studded city from insurgents began Nov. 8.

While yellow "support our troops" ribbons are displayed on automobiles by many citizens who do not question whether American troops should be fighting in Iraq or wonder how long they will be there, these questions are seriously on

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



Strip clubs will (not) improve Hancock Co.

Dear Editor,
Strip clubs will probably be here like it or not. You see they have their way of getting what they want somehow, like I saw in Jackson where I used to live. I watched things that were taboo turn into an open flaunting, an everyday encounter to be accepted.

Things got out of control and covered too many areas of problems for the local government to handle.

I had an employee that worked with that industry, and he would tell how ingrained drugs were. I had several customers also that were dancers that I personally knew and vice versa along with the occupation I was told. It's amazing what we allow in the pursuit of personal freedom.

Just the graft and the behavior that was so open within our city to be accepted by our peers, our neighbors, my how things had changed. I have to mention a teenager saying to me that he had sex with a "sex star" and guessed he was famous now - I thought he'd better go by the health department before he got too excited, there might be a

little reality check waiting. Well, our young people will be recruited by these clubs and this will bring finances to the area but what will it take with it? Maybe just a little virginity, who cares right? Of course, they'll have their out-of-town "babes" that we've licensed to come and entice our young men (and women, let me tell you) to take a journey, have a date with fantasy (and a trip to the doctor).

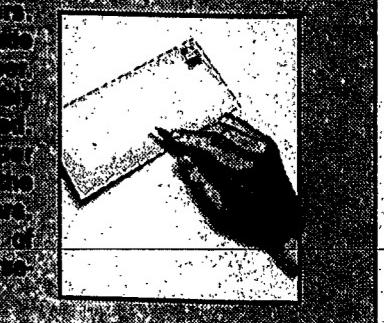
When our teenagers come of age they can go right next door, right to the edge of "our" county to appease their hormones. Ladies it's hard to compete with "Barn-Bam" well she's 60DDDD, the first aid kit of 2005. Our young men will have a chance to enhance the family name and have a lap dance or two, maybe get a "private session" with the "Babe of the Month." Well of course the men will be more attentive at the house, right? Well it's here so let's issue the licenses and press on to a better Hancock County and a better USA. What are we waiting for?

Sincerely,
Dan Hatcher
Bay St. Louis

Letters to the Editor

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Non-smokers should have rights, too

Dear Mr. Ponder,
"The anti-smoking crowd" is a negative expression which began Robert A. Levy's column masquerading as a lengthy "Letter to the Editor" in Sunday's edition of my favorite local newspaper. We are, in fact, a significant majority of the American public who represent a far greater number of thinkers than the libertarian Cata Institute "think tank" (lobbying organization). According to Mr. Levy, Dr. Sloan, et al's book, "The Price of Smoking," made only one comment worth quoting, which suggested that we should reward smokers for dying younger because they are therefore not as great a drain on our retirement systems and medical insurance costs by providing rebates to Medicare and the tobacco industry versus the costs of court suits!

He goes on to attack us "zealots" who are seriously offended,

desperately

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Photo courtesy of NASA
Dr. Marco Giardino of NASA's Applied Sciences Directorate at NASA Stennis Space Center (SSC) speaks to students at NASA Explorer School Bay-Waveland Middle School about remote sensing technology and preserving our nation's wetlands. The students are participants in the JASON Project - a multidisciplinary program that sparks the imagination of students and enhances the classroom experience. From oceans to rain forests, from polar regions to volcanoes, the JASON Project explores planet Earth and exposes students to leading scientists who work with them to examine its biological and geological development. Giardino is one of the host researchers for this year's Disappearing Wetlands JASON Expedition. SSC hosts JASON professional development workshops for educators and JASON broadcasters.

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the minds of wives left at home by the departing guardsmen.

Sgt. Jackie Huff of Summit said his wife is more than unhappy over his being activated, especially on the last day of his Guard enlistment commitment. "She hates it," he told Williamson. "She despises it."

There's "plenty of gray hair," among the soon-to-be-deployed Mississippi Guardsmen he saw at Camp Shelby, Williamson told me.

I'm reminded when I went to war 62 years ago virtually all of us were in our early 20s and if we saw anyone with gray hair, certainly in the Navy where I served, it was a four-stripe captain, an admiral, or a salty old pre-war chief petty officer.

The other night on Aaron Brown's *News Nite* (his show is the only one I watch on CNN) I spotted one name in a list of recent war dead, a 39-year-old staff sergeant from the Kansas National Guard, killed in Iraq. My goodness, I thought, 39! He may have been a grandfather.

This just illustrates how upside down was the Pentagon's pre-invasion planning, or lack of it, as to the number of regular troops that would be needed for the invasion, then the massive occupation and insurgency that inevitably would be faced afterwards.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, against the advice of senior commanders who said 200,000 troops would be needed, sent 40,000 to 50,000 fewer than that. Rummy insisted his "lean and mean" military would defeat Saddam

Hussein's crumbling army and pacify the country in a matter of days. Most troops, he said, could soon be withdrawn.

Now 20 months later, "gray heads" from National Guard units from states such as Mississippi, even retirees who already have served their time, are being thrown into a deadly insurgency jihad aimed at killing Americans.

When I went off to war in WWII, there was a clear and present danger to our national security on two sides of the world from precision war machines of the Axis powers, Germany and Japan, that had already cost the lives of many Americans and our allies.

Iraq posed no such threat to us before George Bush preemptively invaded Iraq on the presumption that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and was linked to master terrorist Osama bin Laden. Both have proved false.

Americans were made to believe the invasion was a response to the 9/11 tragedy that killed nearly 3,000 when disciples of bin Laden hijacked airliners and smashed them into New York's World Trade towers and the Pentagon in Washington.

Yet none of the 9/11 terrorist hijackers were Iraqis, and none were linked to the Iraqi dictator who had been greatly weakened by 12 years of United Nations sanctions and U.S. and British military planes that kept a constant no-fly zone over Iraq. What role the Mississippi Guardsmen will have when they reach Iraq is unclear, but unquestion-

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attempting to avoid second-hand smoke when having to pass through groups of smokers at the entrances to taxpayer-owned public buildings, thus entering under the influence of second hand smoke, which has provided us all with a serious sinus headache! A little bit of outside air is not sufficient to allay problems for those with bronchitis and asthma whose medical sufferings and costs are part of the smoking problem. "A step or two away" doesn't suffice anywhere! Our rights are being infringed upon by those with a nicotine addiction in a way that other drug addictions don't.

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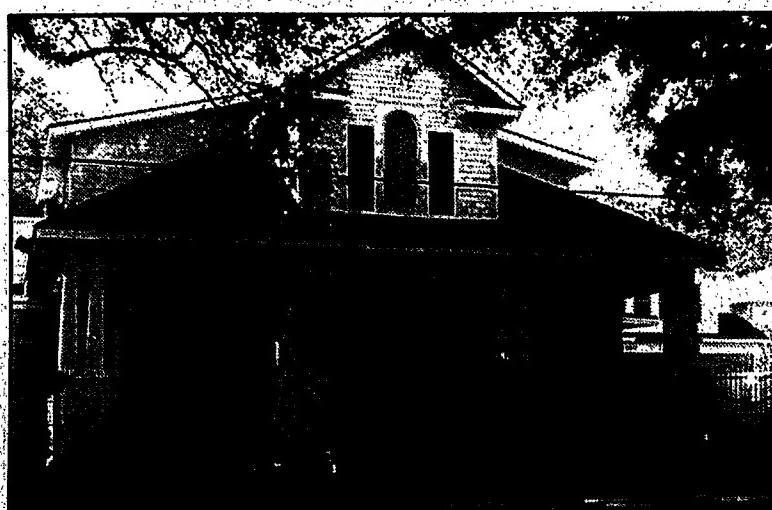


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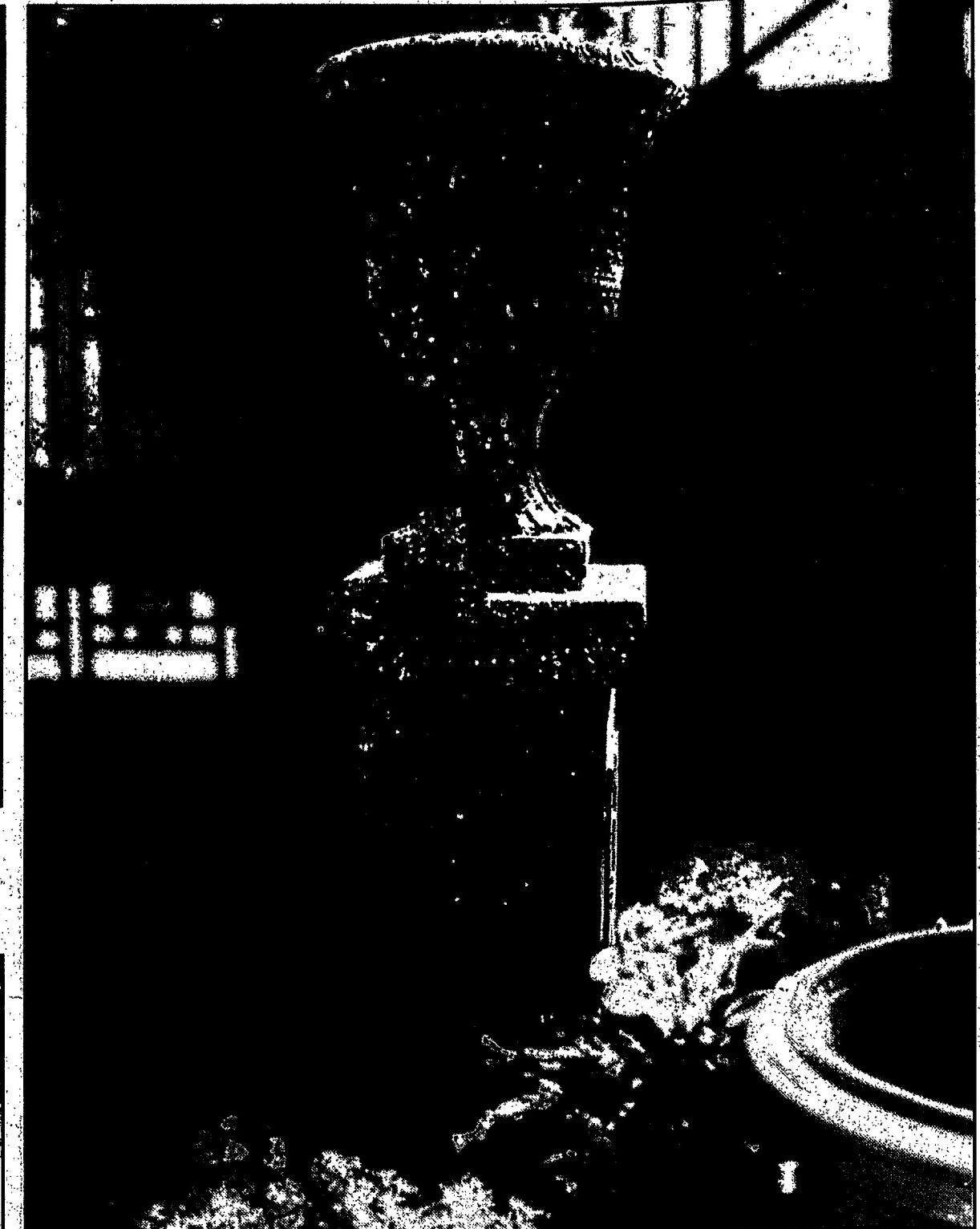
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This \$1,200 reproduction stone fountain, complements of FRENCH FOUNTAINS, located on St. Charles Ave. in New Orleans will be raffled off on Friday, Dec. 3, during a fundraiser for St. Rose de Lima Church at the home of Sherry and Kevin Webster, 502 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. There are only a few left. Call Sherry at 466-3420 for more information.

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Drug bust -- round-up

The operation has been under way since mid-summer Karl reported.

Several suspects were out-of-town, a few were already in jail, one had died and another was in a nursing home.

Karl reported that crystal meth was the number one followed by crack cocaine and prescription pain killers in the round up operation.

Officers were divided into three teams at a 3 a.m. briefing, with the first arrest occurring at 3:30 a.m., Karl said.

Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley led the team of officers who headed to the Kiln, Diamondhead, Standard, Dedeaux, actually all areas North of Interstate 10.

Agent Chris Russell's team focused on the Bay St. Louis and Waveland areas. Russell's group was also assisted by a Waveland Officer in that city.

Agent Abe Long, a member of CNET, covered the Bayside, Shoreline Park, Pearlington and Lakeshore areas.

This Round Up had some 20 warrants for the northern area of the county, Karl reported and only a few of those arrested were repeaters.

Karl listed the following as being arrested in connection with Operation Dope Buster through Wednesday morning:

- Donald Lott, 47, Highway 603, Bay St. Louis, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Phillip Bell, 20, Washington St., Bay St. Louis, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Emeal Wilson, 52, Lakeshore, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Danny Page, 19, Laurel St., sale controlled substance, Bay St. Louis, no age available,

bond.

- Dixie Raimogoz, 31, Smith St., Bay St. Louis, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Rusty L. Peterson, 29, Highway 603, Kiln, sale of controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Clifton Francis Pearson, 23, Wendell Ladner Road, Perkinston transfer controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Naurice Summers, 37, C.C. Road, Kiln, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Derek Alston, 44, Herlihy St., Waveland, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Alice Moore, 43, 7th St., Bay St. Louis, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Karen Sue Peterson, 42, Hoda Road, Kiln, sale controlled substance and transfer controlled substance, bond \$40,000.

- Dax A. Pouncey, 26, Road 316, Poplarville, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Michael Leon Denza, 32, Waveland Avenue, Waveland, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Travis Lynwood, 44, 11th Ave., Pearlington, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Damon R. Adolph, 44, St. Francis, Bay St. Louis, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Gregory Scott Ladner, 20, Road 379, Kiln, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Marco D. Hoda, 24, C.C. Road, Kiln, two counts sale controlled substance, bond \$40,000.

- Jimmy Bourgeois, no age available,

Christian, sale controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- Rebecca Garner, 19, C.C. Road, Kiln, transfer controlled substance, bond \$20,000.

- A 16-year-old male of Hancock County was also arrested for one count of transfer of a controlled substance and his bond was set at \$20,000.

- One person was also arrested on a misdemeanor and that bond was set at \$1,000.

Both Garber and Karl said information received from the general public really helps the Narcotic Division's efforts in curbing drug activities.

Garber emphasized, "Information from the public about possible drug activities in their areas are very helpful. If someone knows of some possible illegal activities, they need to call the sheriff's office, as we have officers on duty 24-hour-a-day, every day."

The sheriff's office can be reached at 228-467-5101, or 601-798-8555, Picayune exchange.

Karl said the Narcotics Division can be reached at 228-467-1496, week days, adding, "We have an agent on call nights, weekends, holidays, etc., and the dispatchers can reach them on possible drug activities."

"One of our big problems is crystal meth labs. When meth is cooking, it gives off a strong chemical odor. If you smell something like ether or ammonia, please call us, or the sheriff's office then," Karl added.

Crystal meth manufacturers do not stay in an area very long. They move swiftly, Karl added.

Once again Garber and Karl urges property owners to check their properties very close.

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manufacturers will use vacant buildings of all types to manufacture their drugs. Even open fields, isolated sheds, trailers, barns, etc."

The sheriff's investigator team in participating in the round up, was able to gather some information that could possibly lead to the solving of a grand larceny case, according to Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt.

No narcotics were discovered in the round up, only a lot of paraphernalia such as pipes, etc., Karl reported.

"When I took over as director of the Narcotic Division, I said we will never get rid of drugs in the county. But, we can curb them. Citizen help is very important to our department in seeking and finding drug activities," Karl said.

One thing Karl wanted to say too, is this, "Because we receive a call, the problem may not be able to be solved in a day or two, many times. We have to gather lots of information before we can secure a search warrant, or a warrant for an arrest. Drug operators are becoming smarter, and the more information we receive from the public really helps us do our job."

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GERALD MORAN
FRANCES VERRIER
JAMES WILLIAMS

ROBERT BILBO

Robert Glenn Bilbo, 70, of Kiln, MS, died Friday, November 26, 2004 in Kiln, MS.

Mr. Bilbo was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a life long resident of Kiln, and a member of the Annunciation Catholic Church. He retired from El Paso Gas, and he served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Bilbo was instrumental in developing the Kiln Volunteer Fire Dept. and Kiln Water District. He was able to use the gifts God gave him to help friends and strangers. He also loved unconditionally.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie Bilbo of Kiln, MS; a daughter, Karen Bilbo of Kiln, MS; a son, Mike Bilbo of Kiln, MS; two brothers, J.W. Bilbo of Tylertown, MS, and Kenny Lott of Kiln, MS; a granddaughter, Peri Bilbo of Kiln, MS.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln, MS, with Father John Noone officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of South MS, 4803 Harrison Circle, Gulfport, MS 39057 or the Annunciation Church of Kiln, MS in his honor.

Obituary register book and driving instructions can be found on the internet at www.mcdonaldfuneral-home.com.

McDonald Funeral Home, Picayune, MS is in charge of arrangements.

MINNIE DAVIS

Minnie L. Davis, age 88 and a resident of Diamondhead, MS, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Davis was a native of Laramie community, and was a homemaker. She was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Gulfport, and was a member of the Charlie's Angels Sunday school class.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Pascal Davis. She is survived by two sons, Robert P. Davis and his wife, Johnnie, of Long Beach; and Thomas B. Davis and his wife, Margaret, of Lyman; a brother, Sylvan Ladnier, of California; two sisters, Kay Smith, of California; and Mittie Husley, of Woolmark; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, November 29, 2004, at New Hope Baptist Church from 12:00 noon until the service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in Coalville Cemetery in Biloxi.

Memorials may be made to New Hope Baptist Church, 17430 Landon Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Hwy 49 North in Gulfport, is in charge of arrangements.

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VIOLET DEDEAUX

Violet Louise Dedeaux, 79, of Waveland, MS died November 27, 2004 in Waveland, MS. She was born in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was of the Lutheran Faith. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy J. Dedeaux, Sr. Parents Hamilton H. Morel and Hartense Eva Morel. Sisters Lucille Luke, Margie Morreale and Lena Simolke. Brothers Hamilton Morel, Sr. and Edward Charles Morel, Sr. She is survived by one son Roy J. Dedeaux, Jr. (Leverna) of Bay St. Louis, MS. Three daughters,

Patricia Oliver (Wayne) of Waveland, MS; Janice of Dedeaux of Slidell, LA, and Terry Waltman (Dale) of Bay St. Louis, MS. One brother Rudolph Morel, Sr. of New Orleans, LA. Fourteen Grandchildren and twelve Great Grandchildren. A visitation will be held Monday, November 29, 2004 from 2:00 until 3:00 PM at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. There will be a service at 3:00 in the Chapel of Edmond Fahey Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home of Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

ALLAN DOANE

Allan Joseph Doane, Sr., 49, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Monday, November 29, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a longtime resident of St. Bernard Parish before moving to Bay St. Louis, MS a year ago.

He is preceded in death by his parents, August & Eunice Long Doane.

He is survived by his wife Linda Doane of Bay St. Louis, MS, 2 sons, Allan Doane, Jr. of Columbia, MS, Troy Doane of Meraux, LA, 2 daughters, Jennifer Doane of St. Bernard, LA, Jessica Russell of St. Bernard, LA, 2 brothers, August Doane of Picayune, MS, Ronald Doane of St. Bernard, LA, sister, Kathleen Doane of Picayune, MS, and 9 grandchildren.

His services will be private at a later date. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

MARY EVANS

Mrs. Mary Lee Rankin Evans, 84, of Hansboro MS, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004 in Slidell, LA. She was a retired licensed practical nurse, and worked as area nurse for Headstart. She was a member of the Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church and Household of Ruth #1217, Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son, Robert Taylor, or Slidell, LA.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3, at 10 a.m. in Holmes Chapel, United Methodist Church in Pearlington. Bayliss Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MURIEL HECZMAN
Muriel Adorno Heczman, 93, of Bay St. Louis, MS died, Wednesday, November 24, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was born in New Orleans, LA and a resident of Waveland, MS since 1992. She was of the Catholic Faith.

She is preceded in death by her 1st husband, Joseph E. Cure, Sr., 2nd husband George Heczman, brother Joseph Adorno, and granddaughter, Ferrel Delorette Audibert.

She is survived by her son, Joseph E. Cure, Jr. of Clermont Harbor, MS, daughter, Muriel Cure Hansen of Waveland, MS, 5 Grandchildren, and 11 Great Grandchildren.

A private service was held on Friday, November 30, 2004 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home followed by interment in the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS was in charge of the services.

MARVIN LANE

Marvin Noel Lane, age 48 and a resident of Kiln, died November 26, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Lane was a native of Riverside, CA, and was in the landscape business.

Mr. Lane was preceded in death by his parents, J. B. and LaVera Lane; and a brother, Wade Lane. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lane, of Kiln; sons, T. J. Parker, Alvin Parker,

both of Atlanta, GA; Eric Lane, Ft. Worth, TX; Jonathan Frazier, of Waveland; and Steven Lane, of Kiln; a brother, Nathan Lane, of Kiln; sisters, Cynthia Griffin, of Ft. Worth, TX; Deanna Trower, of Scottsdale, AZ; and Rebekah Bennett, of Bay St. Louis; a grandson, Joshua Ray Parker, of Atlanta, GA; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 3, in Pearlington Cemetery in Hancock County.

Riemann Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis, is in charge of arrangements.

CARLOS A. LEWIS
Bishop Carlos Lewis, SVD, retired auxiliary bishop of Panama City, Panama and retired coadjutor bishop of David, Panama, died on November 29, 2004 in New Orleans after a long illness.

Carlos Ambrose Lewis was born as the third of the nine children of Josephine and Edmund Lewis on November 2, 1918 in La Boca, Canal Zone, Panama. In 1936, he became a seminarian at St. Augustine's Seminary in Bay St. Louis. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Leo Arkfeld on February 24, 1949 in St. Augustine Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Following his ordination he was asked to go to Rome to study for a doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Gregorian University.

He was awarded a doctorate in 1952 and assigned to Bay St. Louis. There he had a variety of teaching and pastoral duties. He was professor of Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, and served as Director of the Brothers, Prefect of Theologians, and Assistant Editor of St. Augustine Messengers.

In 1961, Father Lewis returned to Rome as head of the theologians at the College of the Divine Word there. In 1964, he was appointed Assistant Rector at the College of St. Peter the Apostle, a residence for priests from mission lands studying in Rome. In 1965 he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Panama City in his home country.

His ordination as bishop took place at the time of the Second Vatican Council in the chapel of the Divine Word House of Study in Nemi, Italy. No less than 45 bishops attended, including many from the Southern United States.

Bishop Lewis served as bishop for twenty years in Panama City and five years in David until ill health forced him to retire in 1992. His years in retirement were spent at Consolata Nursing Home in New Iberia, Louisiana and Lafon Nursing Home in New Orleans.

In his years as bishop, Bishop Lewis was known for his love of the poor and suffering, as befitting the motto on his Episcopal coat of arms: "That Charity May Abound More and More."

Bishop Lewis is survived by a brother, Father Gerald Lewis, SVD, working as a chaplain in the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston, Texas, and a sister, Sister Gloria, a sister of the Holy Family in New Orleans.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place in the St. Augustine Chapel in Bay St. Louis at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd. Burial will take place the following morning, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

GERALD MORAN
Gerald E. "Wookie" Moran, age 67, of Pass Christian died Saturday, November 27, 2004, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Moran was a native of Riverside, CA, and was in the landscape business. Mr. Moran was preceded in death by his parents, J. B. and LaVera Lane; and a brother, Wade Lane. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lane, of Kiln; sons, T. J. Parker, Alvin Parker,

Beach.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eldon Moran, mother, Geraldine Garriga, and his step-father, Melvin Garriga. Survivors include 2 daughters: Sharon Deas and Sheryl Ladner, both of Long Beach; 2 brothers: Wallace Moran, Sun City, FL, and Mel Garriga, Long Beach; 6 sisters: Carolyn Voytek, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Barbara Hughlett, Knoxville, TN, Madelyn Ford, Gulfport, Susan Stinson, Gulf Breeze, FL, Peggy Dennis, Corpus Christi, TX, and Judy Bull, Long Beach; 3 granddaughters: Derek Hoey, Shianne Wilson, and Dylan Deas.

Visitation will be tonight, Tuesday, from 6-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home, 135 W. 2nd Street, Pass Christian. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Old DeLisle Cemetery.

FRANCES VERRIER

Francis E. "Frank" Verrier, Jr., 77, died of Heart Failure on Saturday, November 27, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Frank served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II and with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. Frank was a native of New York City and Washington, DC where he served as a Captain in the Special Investigations Branch in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Metropolitan Police Department. During his service with the Department he was named Policeman of the Month for valor, and received numerous commendations for his outstanding service with the Department. After retirement he was the Chief of the Library of Congress Special Police Force and later the Chief of Security at the National Gallery of Art. Frank has been a resident of Diamondhead for the past 15 years.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Yvonne B. Verrier; two sons, Francis E. Verrier, 111, & wife Carol of Granite Bay, California and John M. Verrier & wife Kristine of Falls Church, Virginia, and three grandchildren, Matthew, Stephen, and Michael Verrier of Granite Bay, California, sister, Marion T. Verrier of Highland, New York.

He is a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln, MS. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2004 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln, MS. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 am. Interment will be Private at Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS.

In Lieu of Flowers the family request donations to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the services.

JAMES WILLIAMS
James Clifford Williams, 82, of Diamondhead, MS died November 23, 2004 in Diamondhead, MS. He was born in Des Arc, AR and lived in Georgia before moving to Diamondhead, MS. He was of the Baptist Faith.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place in the St. Augustine Chapel in Bay St. Louis at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2nd. Burial will take place the following morning, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

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and a member of Townview Baptist Church in Woodstock, GA. He retired from the U.S. Army after serving in World War II and the Korean war. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Wiley & Carrie Simpson Williams. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mildred M. Williams of Diamondhead, MS, three daughters, Kathy Lynne Williams Wilkinson of Gulfport, MS, Janice Sue Williams Frykman of Acworth, GA, Teresa Beth Williams Adams of Tonopah, AZ, brother, Charles Williams of West Helena, AR, four sisters, Elsie P. Gray of Little Rock, AR, Mabel W. Thomsen of

Little Rock, AR, Charlene Stienbeck of Little Rock, AR, and Joan Overton of Rogers, AR. He is also survived by five grandchildren, James Thomas Williams of Japan, David Eric Frykman of Acworth, GA, Katie Elizabeth Frykman of

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Like good politicians everywhere, Mississippi officeholders talk a good game about reducing pork-barrel spending, as long it's the other guy's pork being cut.

Legislators are proud to bring home the proverbial bacon in the shape of job-creation incentives, preservation projects or campus repairs.

That was clear during a recent special session, when Gov. Haley Barbour summoned lawmakers to Jackson to authorize millions of dollars in bonds to help businesses start or grow.

He proposed, and lawmakers eventually passed, a bill that had \$40 million to help Northrop Grumman expand shipyards in

Gulfport and Pascagoula, \$10 million to help Baxter Healthcare add onto its pharmaceutical-products plant in Cleveland, \$3 million to help Viking Range expand the Greenwood facility where it makes upscale appliances and \$10 million to help a company called TimTek develop an engineered wood products plant in Lauderdale County.

Barbour said the package will help create 3,500 jobs. By luck or by design, the package spread out goodies to businesses across the state, creating support among a broad base of lawmakers.

The bill zipped through the Senate on the session's opening day, but stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Some House members wanted to pass a more comprehensive bond bill that included higher education

projects and bridge repairs. (Both chambers eventually did.) Others said there was only one urgent project in the bunch, the money for Northrop Grumman, whose corporate board met this month to set a budget for the coming year.

It didn't take long for members to squelch the idea of helping only one industry when the governor had dangled the possibility of jobs in several legislative districts.

During a Ways and Means Committee meeting, Rep. Charles Young, D-Meridian, said east Mississippi had "suffered enough" in economic development efforts.

"If we do anything, TimTek's got to be in it," Young said firmly.

Reps. Eric Robinson, R-Quitman, and Tyrone Ellis, D-Starkville, expressed similar sentiments.

In 2000, some lawmakers

Radiance Technologies selected to help with future space exploration

The Enterprise for Innovative Geospatial Solutions (EIGS) has announced that member company Radiance Technologies was recently selected by NASA's Exploration Systems Mission Directorate to support their new vision for space exploration by developing a geospatial technology toolkit for a safe, efficient and effective human return to the Moon and Mars.

In response to a Human and Robotics Technology Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), Radiance Technologies will develop a comprehensive Planetary Geospatial Exploitation Toolkit (PGET) that will enhance, apply and test geospatial technologies in support of sustained human space explorations to Mars and other destinations.

Utilizing geospatial databases and real-time information, Radiance Technologies will develop a Decision Support System (DSS) to analyze situations, and present operators and managers with the information necessary to develop

scenarios of solutions about the Lunar and Mars environment quickly and reliably.

"This project will impact NASA's spiral development approach long before we return to the Moon by being used as a planning and simulation tool by NASA engineers," stated Tom Strange of Radiance Technologies.

"We will be providing a suite of geospatial decision support tools that will allow for efficient and effective conversion of geospatial data into mission-critical information."

The project will positively impact future space exploration by providing tools that will help with layout of facilities and infrastructure such as road networks and landing/launching pad locations.

Other critical areas that will be addressed include resource tracking, personnel safety, and best route planning navigation for crew exploration vehicles.

The decision support tools will be built with current and enhanced geospatial technologies. The project will also employ additional advanced technologies including sensors, GPS, DSS, and secure and open communications. Training and support for the operators and system administrators are also included as key components for the PGET.

"Our evaluation team has carefully reviewed all proposals and we are extremely impressed and excited with the quality, broad range of technology, and relevance to the exploration mission," said Jimmie Nehman, Source Selection Official for NASA.

"The future of the Vision for Space Exploration depends on our success [with these proposals]."

Radiance Technologies has partnered with several key organizations on this project including the University of Southern Mississippi Department of Geography; the U.S. Geological Survey's Astrogeology Research Program; Kennedy Space Center Launch/Landing and Surface Operation; and Johnson Space Center Human Exploration Office.

Yorktown to be decommissioned; leaves mark on state, nation

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — The bridge of the USS Yorktown hasn't changed much since it returned home from the Middle East in August, but other areas of the ship reveal signs of its impending decommissioning.

The monitors for the ship's computerized navigation system that were installed in 1996 as part of the Navy's Smart Ship program are disconnected. The closed vents, the guns and missile launchers pointing either down or parallel with the deck are also signs.

At 10 a.m. Friday, two months after its sister ship, Ticonderoga, was towed from the Naval Station Pascagoula, the Yorktown will be removed from service during a decommissioning ceremony in which former sailors and commanders will give it a final farewell.

Soon after the ceremony, a tug will connect the lines to the Yorktown and tow it to Philadelphia, Pa., where it will join Ticonderoga at the Navy's Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility.

"It's tough," Cmdr. Steve Sloan, the Yorktown's cap-

tain, said of the decommissioning. "It's like giving up a house or a car you love."

Even though the Yorktown will retire to Pennsylvania, the smart ship technology developed on the ship has left a strong economic mark on Mississippi.

In December 1995, the USS Yorktown was selected as the Navy's first smart ship, transforming the then-11-year-old Aegis cruiser into a seagoing test platform to examine how off-the-shelf computer technology could be used to operate and fight warships using smaller, more efficient crews.

It was a grand experiment ... of proving that smaller crew sizes could be used in future Navy shipbuilding programs like DD(X) and LCS (Littoral Combat Ship) and other ships," said Glen Sturtevant, deputy director for science and technology for the Navy Department's Program Executive Office for Ships.

Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Pascagoula is now the lead company in the DD(X) program, which grew

from experimentation on the Yorktown. Construction of the first DD(X), which will be built by Northrop, the state's largest employer, in Pascagoula, is scheduled to begin in 2007.

Phil Dur, president of Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, was a 42-year-old Navy captain when he became the Yorktown's second skipper in July 1986.

Commanding Yorktown, he said, was "absolutely memorable. It was easily the best tour I had as a naval officer. At the time, it was one of the most desirable commands in the Navy because it was an Aegis cruiser."

Dur will address the audience during the passing of the guard and get a chance to say his good-byes.

He will probably talk about his tour of duty on the ship and the legacy it leaves after 20 years of service.

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"Beats of All Colors," a print by Lori Gordon.

Bay St. Louis artist raffling work to aid ailing family member

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Several galleries along the Mississippi Gulf Coast have joined forces with a local artist in a fundraising effort. The drive benefits Rich Gordon, brother of artist Lori Gordon of Bay St. Louis.

The 48 year old man was recently diagnosed with brain cancer, and is currently receiving treatment. Gordon is raffling off chances on several of her signed prints, which are valued at \$60 each.

The prints vary in size up to 8" x 10" and are produced using archival inks on acid free paper. Each image is matted up to 16" x 20", and the mats are also acid free. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. The prints

may be seen and tickets purchased at Quarter Moon Gallery, Loft Framing, and Serenity Gallery, all of which are located in the 100 block of Main Street in old town Bay St. Louis.

Other participating galleries include 13th Street Gallery at 2608 13th Street in Gulfport, and Under Canvas Gallery, located at 1006 Government Street in Ocean Springs.

The drawings will be held on Wednesday, December 22. Winners will be notified by phone on the day of the drawings. For more information, visit the website which the family of Rich Gordon has set up at <http://richandcheryl.typepad.com>, or contact Lori Gordon at 228.466.9253.

Cocaine

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wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service."

"The vehicle was then taken to the Harrison County Sheriff's Department Work Center. The vehicle was checked by K-9 Trooper Glenn Grice's canine Kerry, who alerted on a hidden apartment of the vehicle," Gazzo's news release reported.

Gazzo continued, "In the hidden compartment approximately two and half kilos of cocaine were found. The driver, Gustavo Delosreyes, 25, and passenger

Rosbel Guevara Leal, 22, both of Brownsville, TX, are being held in the Harrison County jail on charges of possession with intent to deliver."

Gazzo stated that Leal's bond was set at \$50,000, while Delosreyes, is being held for the U.S. Marshals department without bond.

Trooper Ivory also on Thanksgiving stopped a vehicle without a license plate, which led him to finding two kilos of cocaine in a hidden compartment.

Fire

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al property damage was incurred.

Lear said the house received very heavy damage.

"Most of the walls are still standing," Lear said. "Everything else was pretty much gutted."

The Diamondhead Fire Department recently received a \$23,706 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. \$745 million will be awarded to fire departments across the country with funds from the 2004 fiscal year.

Bay Little Theatre production canceled

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has canceled the upcoming production of "First Baptist of Ivy Gap."

According to a press release issued Tuesday by the BSLLT, "We regret any inconvenience this may cause to the valued patrons and supporters of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre."

Obituaries

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Acworth, GA, Nicholas Aaron Adams of Tonopah, AZ and Michelle Elizabeth Adams of Tonopah, AZ. A visitation will be held on Monday, November 29, 2004 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

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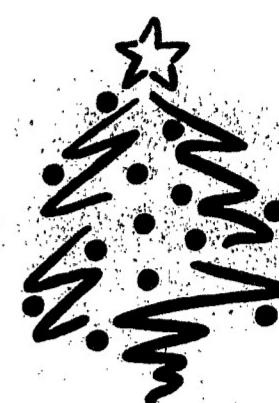


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Hancock Emergency Management offers holiday safety tips

As the holiday season approaches our thoughts tend to drift towards decorating our homes, purchasing presents and entertaining family and friends. Fire is often the last thing on our minds. The holiday season brings an increase in the number of calls received by the fire departments.

The Hancock County Emergency Management Agency offers the following tips to help keep the holiday season safe.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

When selecting your tree, check to see that the needles are flexible and firmly attached to the tree. If the tree is already shedding needles, the tree is too dry and should not be purchased. Once a tree is selected, leave it outside until it is time to decorate it. Prior to bringing the tree inside, trim at least a one inch piece from the bottom of the trunk. This increases the tree's ability to absorb

water. When the tree is brought inside, be sure the tree is securely fastened with a sturdy holder filled with water. During the period of time that your tree is indoors, water it regularly. Do not locate the tree in an area where it will be subjected to intense heat, such as near a woodstove, fireplace, radiator or heater vent. Be careful not to block exit paths and doorways with the tree. Most fires involving Christmas trees occur near or after New Year's Day. Natural Christmas trees are highly combustible. Imagine the thought of having a forest fire inside your home, and you will understand how intense the fire and flames can be from a live tree.

Remember when the holiday season is over and you are finished with the tree, remove all lights, stands and decorations from the tree and dispose of it properly.

LIGHTS

Use Christmas lights which utilize lower wattage bulbs or are of the "twinkle" type since they generate less heat under prolonged use. Inspect the strings of lights to be certain that all of the lights used are in good working condition and operating properly. Tighten loose bulbs to prevent arc-ing. Never use candles or any open flame device on Christmas trees. Don't over-load electrical circuits by plugging too many cords into a single outlet and avoid the use of lightweight extension cords. Christmas lights should always be turned off when no one is home or whenever everyone has retired for the evening.

DECORATIONS
All decorations should be noncombustible or flame retardant, and should not be placed near heat sources. Candles should be placed away from flammable materials such as curtains and utilized in areas where they won't be knocked or blown

over. Additionally, candles and matches should be kept out of reach of children and blown out when you leave the house or go to bed.

When you are entertaining guests in your home who smoke, provide large ash trays and allow ashes to cool overnight before placing them in the trash. Check for smoldering cigarettes in the cushions of the upholstered furniture before going to bed. Cigarette fires are still the leading cause of fire fatalities in the home.

Also remember these additional holiday safety tips:

The Holidays are very special for our precious children. Make sure to keep a close eye on them during the holiday season. They need to be warned to stay away from matches, candles and decorative lighting. In particular, young children should be supervised at all times in rooms where candles are used. Make sure all

decorations are child-proof, since children may attempt to swallow or eat bright, attractive ornaments or suffer an electrical shock from biting into lights or extension cords.

With the increased possibility of fire around the holidays, ensure that every family member has practiced and is familiar with your home escape plan and that each person knows two ways out of every room in the house.

Make sure that all smoke detectors in your home are operational. For maximum fire safety, every household should have a smoke detector on each level of the house and one outside individual sleeping quarters. Don't be tempted to borrow detector batteries to power toys.

Fireplaces should always be inspected before use and should never be used as an incinerator for wrapping paper or boxes after you gift exchange.

The staff at Hancock

County Emergency Management Agency wishes everyone a safe and Happy holiday season. If you have any questions, please contact us at 467-9226.

Hancock Historical Society plans Tea

The Hancock County Historical Society will host its annual Holiday Tea on Thurs. Dec. 9th at 12 Noon at the Kate Lohrman House located at 108 Cue St. Bay St. Louis. Installation of our 2005 officers will be held. Come join us for a cup of holiday cheer. Light refreshments will be served.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the Finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Lucio's Mexican Restaurant

Walk into Lucio's Mexican Restaurant in Pass Christian (on Davis Ave.), and you're surrounded by the sounds and aromas of Old Mexico.

The owner, Lucio Cano, was born in Vera Cruz, and began his 28 year career as a 22 year old chef in San Antonio. After having successful restaurants in Mandeville and New Orleans, he relocated to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Lucio says that the key to restaurant success is serving great tasting food on a consistent basis. Lucio's Mexican Restaurant reflects this sentiment. They only use fresh ingredients, never frozen, and Lucio makes certain his guests are happy and satisfied.

The restaurant offers many specials, including a unique seafood

dish named after Lucio's home town. Called the "Butterfly Shrimp Ala Vera Cruz" (offered in season), it is sauteed in special Red Chile Ancho sauce with Poblano Peppers and onions, and served on a bed of Mexican Rice. It's delicious!

If you're in the mood for steak, try the Carne Asada, tender cuts of beef specially seasoned, then charcoal-broiled. It's served with guacamole, refried beans, pico de gallo, and Mexican Rice. There's also the Puntas de Filete a la Mexicana, which is tasty filet mignon tips sauteed with Lucio's traditional Mexican touch.

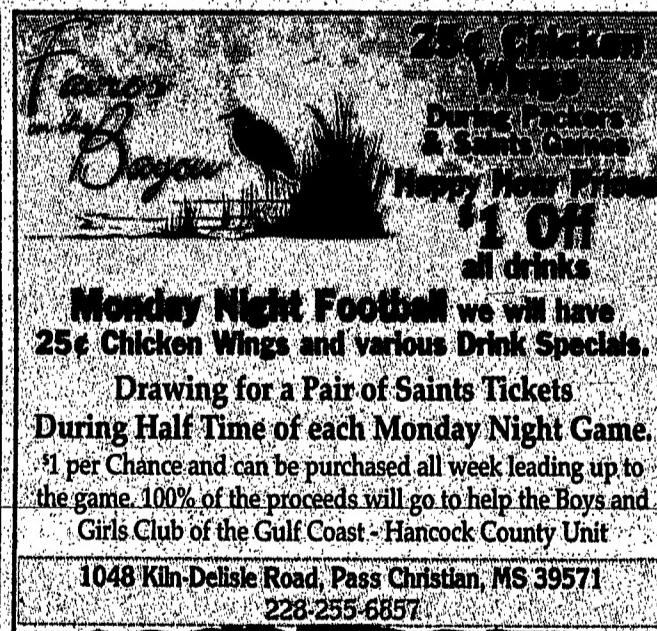
In addition to the more traditional Mexican fare, such as tacos, tamales and churros, Lucio's offers Fiesta Chalupas, Sopa de Lima, Shrimp ala Vera Cruz, and assorted salads.

Polish off your meal with a scrumptious dessert! You can choose from sopapillas, which is traditional fried dough sprinkled with cinnamon. If you like bananas, try the Plantainitos "Sucre," which is a south-of-the-border Bananas Foster! The dessert menu would not be complete without Flan, a custard served Mexican-style with sugar syrup.

Hours are Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm; Friday and Saturday 11am-10pm; and closed on Sunday. Make plans to bring the family and friends to Lucio's Mexican Restaurant, 138 Davis Ave. in Pass Christian, (228) 452-6131. You're in for a real Mexican Treat!

RESTAURANT OWNERS

If you would like to have your restaurant reviewed by The Sea Coast Echo, call Cecilia or Geraldyn at 467-5474 for details.



Holiday Tree Gala



Students from Bay Catholic Elementary decorate a tree Wednesday at the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System in preparation for the Holiday Tree Gala.

Library Holiday Tree Gala scheduled for this Sunday

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Susie Seal, Nancy Gex, Emily de Montuzin, Al Showers and Carter Church are the judges for the Hancock County Library System's 2004 Holiday Tree Gala, set for Sunday, December 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

More than 65 local businesses, organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building. The Voices of Deliverance Choir from the Power House of Deliverance Church in Bay St. Louis will perform at 2:00 p.m. in the main part of the library. The Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church of Pearlington will sing at 3:00 p.m.

Susie Seal, a member of the Library Foundation's Board of Directors, serves as panel chairman. A resident of Bay St. Louis and well-known community leader, Seal has served on the Mississippi Arts Commission and other local and coast organizations.

Nancy Gex is a Waveland resident and well-known community leader. She has been active in numerous

volunteer civic organizations.

Emily de Montuzin is a Bay St. Louis resident and retired French teacher with the Bay-Waveland School District.

Church, owner of Carter Church Designs, has 43 years experience in the field of couture, bridal, theatrical and carnival costumes. He has received more than 130 Alpha Awards, and the renown Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Fashion Group International.

Showers, Hancock County news reporter/bureau chief for WLOX-TV 13, has been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 11 years. He has been in the broadcasting field for the more than 20 years.

The judges will choose winners in 15 categories, including Best in Show, Best New Entrant, Most Creative Tree and the Designer Award.

"We feel honored to have these five as judges for our tenth annual event," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "And we appreciate them giving time to make this community-wide holiday event a suc-

cess."

Further information on the Library's Holiday Tree Gala is available by calling Jamie Elston at 467-5282.

Ornament packets still available for Kiln tree lighting

Ornament packets for the children's tree at the Kiln Public Library are still available for families to put together and bring back to the library. The packets contain all the necessary supplies to make the ornaments. Ornaments include Santa Claus, snowmen, peace angels, and reindeer.

The library's children's tree is part of the third annual Community Tree Lighting, set for Tuesday, December 7, at 6 p.m. at the

library.

Hosted by the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation of Hancock County and the Kiln Library Advisory Board, the tree lighting has become the kickoff event for the holiday season in north Hancock County.

Further information on the Kiln Public Library's Community Tree Lighting is available by calling Sandra Ladner at 255-1724.

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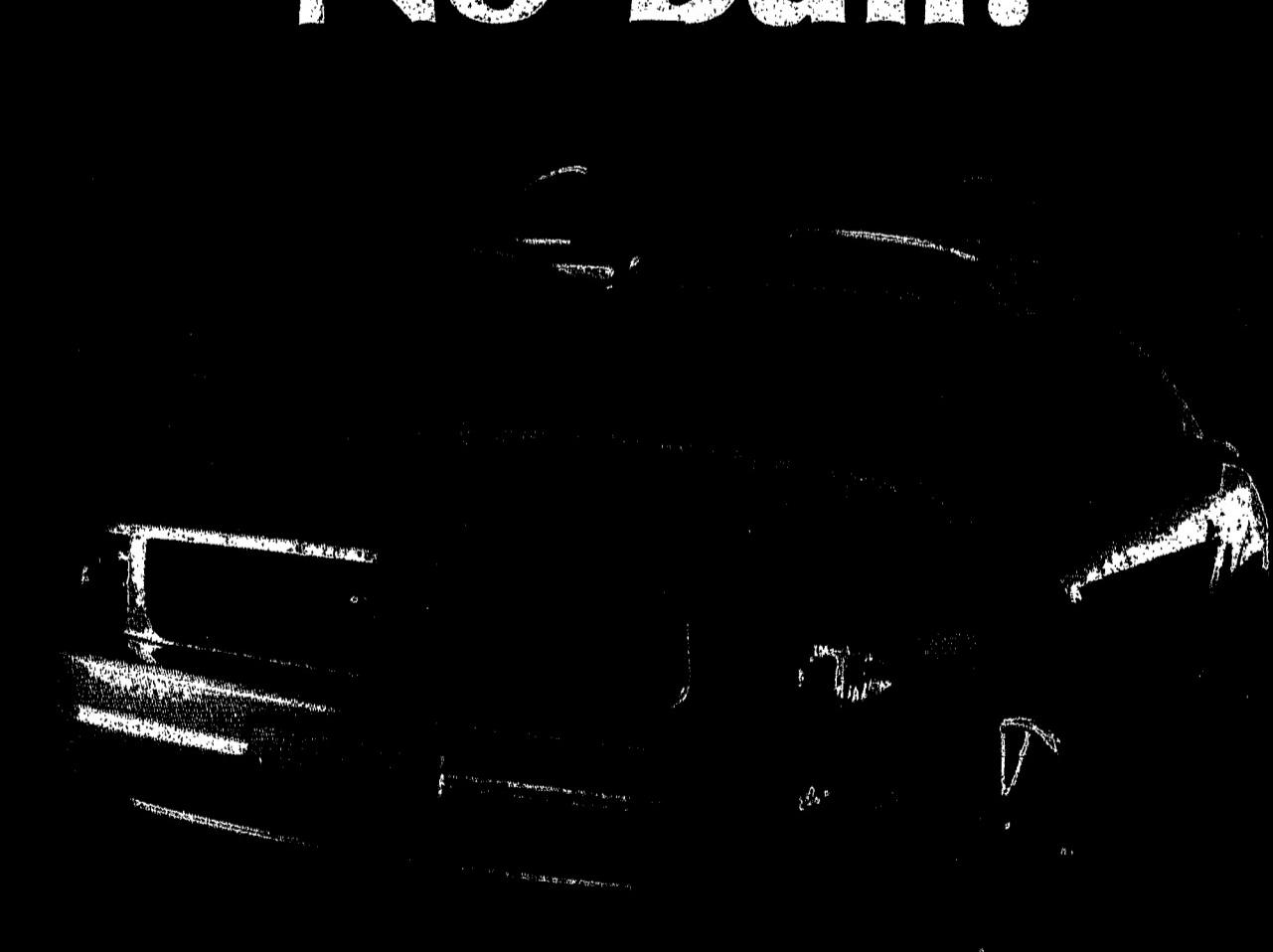
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Community

1954 - Telephone returns to Logtown after year's absence



TEN YEARS AGO
November 20, 1994 - The public is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. for Our Lady of the Gulf Parish community center. Bishop Joseph Laswon Howze will be the special guest. The 10,000-square-foot center is being constructed north of the church on Beach Boulevard, the former site of St. Joseph's Academy. George P. Hopkins of Gulfport is the contractor. Architects are Fred Wagner and Bill Argus Jr.

He walks the streets in Bay St. Louis early each day, traps in tow, particularly scanning the neighborhoods for trash pickups. If there's refuse strewn about, Curtis Quate knows he's in the right vicinity. Dogs are afoot or apace running loose illegally and imposing havoc. In just three weeks on the job, Quate has rounded up 45 to 50 canines and delivered them to the Waveland Animal Shelter where, he hopes, the owners will retrieve them. Quate is the city's first full-time animal warden, charged with enforcing parts of the city's animal control laws.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
November 23, 1984 - The Waveland Police Department will move to a larger quarters in 1985. The city plans to construct a new police station next to Water Tower Plaza Shopping Center on US-90, according to Police Chief Donald Dorn. The building will replace the present station behind Waveland City Hall. Contractors will be hired for the construction of a 5,000 square foot metal building, electrical work and plumbing, but most of the interior finishing work will be done by members of the police force, Dorn said.

New Hancock County Chamber of Commerce officers elected on Tuesday were: John Mason, president; Kathy Fernandez, vice-president; and Dick Thomas, treasurer. New directors introduced at the meeting were: David Comprett, Ellen Kane and Charles (Chuck) Benvenuti, CPA. Other chamber directors are: Patricia Harvill, past-president; Ellis C. Cuevas, Jeannie Garcia, Joyce Lee, John Scafide, Sherlyn Brelan, Bob Hubbard, Anthony Loiacano, Mary Perkins, and David Treutel.

FORTY YEARS AGO
November 19, 1964 - City Commission Council agreed Monday to try to speed plans for renovation of the



Pearl River quarterback Jimmy Oliver of East Marion gets a victory ride following the Wildcats' 35-14 victory over Butler County CC in the Dalton Defenders Bowl in Coffeyville, Kan., Sunday for the undisputed NJCAA national championship. MACJC state champion PRCC finished the season at 12-0.

Pearl River pounds Butler 35-14 to claim national championship

Pearl River Community College is now the undisputed NJCAA national football champion after its convincing 35-14 victory over the defending champ Butler County (Kan.) Grizzlies Sunday in Coffeyville, Kansas at the Dalton Defenders Bowl.

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Pearl River, which won its only other national title in 1961 under legendary coach Dobie Holden, extended its winning streak to 19 games.

Third-year PRCC head coach Tim Hatten was obviously elated, but also a bit surprised by the Wildcats' domination.

"Offensively, I thought we would score some points, but defensively, I thought they would score more points than they did," he said. "We're just happy to bring a national-championship trophy back to south Mississippi."

"I really haven't had time to think about it," he continued. "It's been a whirlwind. Maybe when we get back, it'll sink in, but it does



Butler County's Kenny Wilson (28) gets wrapped up by Pearl River's Edjuan Williamson, while linebacker Gene Coleman arrives to finish him off in the Wildcats' 35-14 victory over the Grizzlies in the Dalton Defenders Bowl in Coffeyville, Kan., Sunday for the undisputed NJCAA national championship.

feel good. This is a special group of guys. This trip has been wonderful from A-to-Z."

Pearl River proved to have too many weapons and too much speed for the Grizzlies to handle, even though the Wildcats spotted BCCC seven points in the first quarter before rolling to a commanding 21-7 lead at the half.

The Wildcats fumbled the ball

away twice in the first quarter with the second miscue, a muffed punt return by preseason All-American Larry Brackins of Dothan, Ala. setting up the Grizzlies' first score at the PRCC 38.

Butler quarterback Zac Taylor capped the six-play scoring drive with a 12-yard pass to Brian Murph. Matt Landess' PAT made it 7-0 with 1:46 left in the opening quarter.

But Pearl River recovered quickly. After returning the Grizzlies ensuing kickoff to the 33, it took only six plays for the Wildcats to tie it up.

Quarterback Jimmy Oliver of East Marion, Region 23's "Player of the Year," completed three of three passes in the drive; then handed off to preseason All-American running back Bernard Smith of Lake Wales, Fla., who ran it in from the 11. Chris St. John of Oak Grove added the extra point to deadlock things at 7-7 with 14:17 left in the half.

Then The River's floodgates opened. Six minutes later, Wildcat linebacker Gene Coleman of Lake Wales, Fla., picked off his first of two interceptions in the game, his only two picks of the season, at the 45 and sped down to the six. Oliver hit Brackins with a TD pass on first down and St. John's extra point gave the Wildcats the lead for good at 14-7 with 7:20 left in the half.

On Pearl River's final possession of the half, Oliver engineered a 12-play scoring drive from his own 12; completing six of seven tosses, then keeping from the four for another Wildcat TD. Four of his completions went to wideout Josh Barnes of Hattiesburg High with two of the sophomore's catches converting crucial first downs.

Brackins snagged two passes in the drive for 34 yards with the last being a 21-yarder to set up Oliver's scoring run. St. John's PAT made it 21-7 with 24 seconds left before the intermission.

Butler returned the ensuing

PRCC WINS--PAGE 3B

Sports

Labat scores 39, but Wildcats lose 84-77

Pearl River Community College was swept by Holmes in MACJC non-division women's and men's basketball action Tuesday in Goodman.

The defending state champ Wildcat dropped to 4-3 overall with an 84-77 loss to the Bulldogs, while the Lady Wildcats fell 95-94 to the Lady Bulldogs in overtime to drop to 6-2. Holmes' men improved to 7-1, while its women are now 7-2.

In the women's game, Holmes led 39-32 at the intermission; but the Lady Wildcats fought back to with a 48-41 showing in the second half to tie it up at 80-80 and send things into overtime. In the OT period, the Lady Bulldogs outscored PRCC 15-14 to ice the victory.

Pearl River sophomore Carmen Labat led all scorers in the contest with a career-high 39 points. The sophomores out of Bay High finished the game by sink-

ing 14 of 17 attempts from the field, including two three pointers. Lamitra Dags of New Orleans added 15, Ashley Jones of Florence 13, Nikki Smith of Poplarville 10, Yolanda Hartfield of Hattiesburg High eight, Cicely Tatum of Poplarville High four, Lauren Griffith of Prentiss Christian two (one trey), and Brittany Blackston of Hattiesburg High two.

In the men's game, Holmes held a commanding 44-32 lead at the half, while Pearl River fought back to take a 45-40 during the second half but fell short of a comeback victory.

Jeremy Holder of Lumberton led Pearl River with 20 points (one trey, eight rebounds), while Alton Robinson of Hattiesburg High added 16 (two treys, seven rebounds, four assists). Marquez Singleton of Bay High 11 (three treys), Gabe Willis of St. Stanislaus 10 (two treys, five rebounds,

five assists), Thomas Fraise of New Orleans eight, Laron Jason Simmons of Magee of Hattiesburg High five, Terry Wade of Oak

Grove four (one trey), and Grove four (one trey), and Jason Simmons of Hattiesburg High two.

Thursday night sees a

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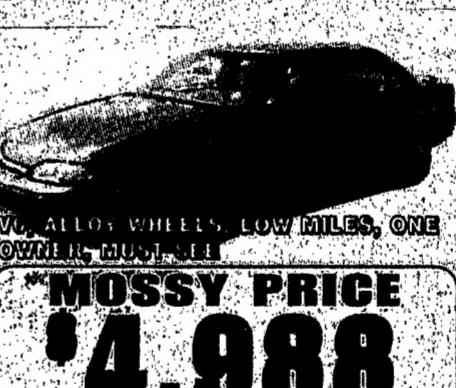


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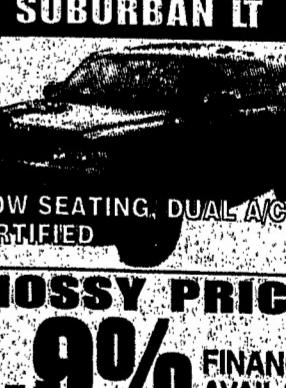


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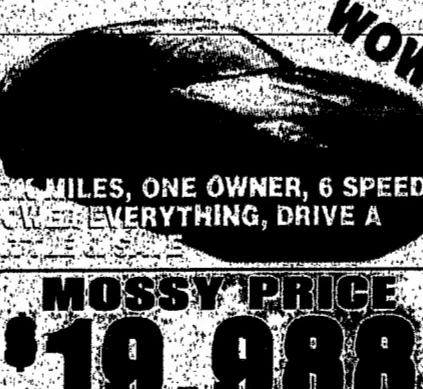


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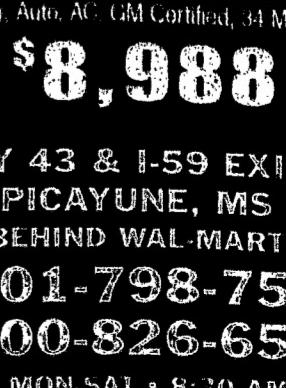


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kickoff to midfield, then Taylor hit Murph with back-to-back completions to the Wildcat 27; but Landess' 44-yard field goal attempt was no good as the half ended.

The Grizzlies got a break early in the second half when they took over at the Wildcat 20 after an errant punt snap resulted in a 20-yard loss and a 15-yard penalty on PRCC. Butler's Ryan Torain carried three straight times with the last being for the TD from the four. Landess' PAT cut Pearl River's lead to 21-14 with 11:52 left in the third quarter.

Freshman Mike McClendon of Quitman returned the ensuing kickoff 23 yards to the Wildcat 45, then Oliver hit Brackins for 22 yards to the Grizzly 23. Oliver lost two yards on first down, then Butler took over on downs three snaps later at the 25. But Coleman answered the Grizzlies' defensive stand by picking off Taylor three plays later and returning his interception six yards to the Butler 28.

Five plays later, Oliver hit Brackins with a 10-yard scoring pass with 8:05 left in the period. Sam Thomas of Oak Grove caught two passes for 17 yards following Coleman's pick. St. John's extra point made it 28-14.

Butler rebounded with a 16-play drive, 11 on the ground, from its own 28 to the Wildcat 23, but came up short when Taylor threw incomplete on a fourth-and-14. The Grizzlies converted two previous fourth-down situations in the drive.

Three plays into Butler's next possession, All-Region 23 defensive back Levance Richmond of Lake Wales, Fla., picked off Taylor at the



Pearl River wide receiver James Hollingsworth (85) collides with Butler CC's Jonathan Wilhite (2) on a pass route in the Wildcats' 35-14 victory over Butler County CC in the Dalton Defenders Bowl in Coffeyville, Kan., Sunday for the undisputed NJCAA national championship.

Grizzly 43 and ran it in for its fifth and final pass of the afternoon, four plays into Butler's next possession when linebacker Glentrelle Ware of Monroe, La., who signed with the Grizzlies out of West Monroe High School in 2002 before transferring to PRCC after a red-shirt season, picked off Taylor at the 37.

Oliver threw his 12th and final interception of the season three plays later at the Butler 43, then the Grizzlies' comeback hopes

were dashed when Taylor threw incomplete on a fourth-and-15 at midfield eight snaps later. Pearl River answered with a three-and-out, then three Butler rushing plays ended the game.

Pearl River finished the game with 20 first downs (13 in the first half) to Butler's 18, while amassing 404 yards of total offense (296 pass, 108 rush) to the Grizzlies' 245 (84 pass, 161 rush).

Oliver was 34 of 40 (one interception) through the air for all the Wildcat passing yardage with McClendon leading the way on the ground with 71 yards on seven carries. Smith finished with 44 yards on nine attempts, while Oliver kept four times or 15 yards.

Brackins led all receivers in the contest with 167 yards on 11 catches, while Barnes snagged seven Oliver aerials for 100 yards. Thomas had three catches for 23 yards, while Brandon Fountain of Moss Point had two snags for five yards.

Taylor completed 10 of 35 passes (five interceptions), while Grizzlies never fumbled in the game. Pearl River, on the other hand, lost three of four fumbles.

Torian, a freshman, led all rushers in the contest with 84 yards on 17 carries, while sophomore Kenny Wilson had 71 on 20.

Pearl River was penalized three times for 35.5 yards, while BCCC drew four flags for 55.5.

St. John punted three times for a 35.5-yard average, while Matt Jacobsen punted four times for the Grizzlies for a 55.5-yard average; including superimpressive 57 and 76-yarders in the first half.

Fifth-year Butler head

coach Troy Morrell was humble in defeat. "They (Pearl River) are just an unbelievable team," he said. "They have incredible athletes. We've got guys who played well throughout the season, but didn't have very good games today. You can't do that against a great team like Pearl River."

"We were inconsistent and didn't play up to our capabilities," Butler CC defeated Coffeyville CC (Kan.), the hosts of the bowl, 37-26 for the Jayhawk championship Nov. 7.

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old Webb School building on Third Street as a cultural center and public meeting place and designated two citizens' committees to work on the project. The decision came after Mrs. Wayne Ducomb, president of the newly formed Hancock County Arts League, Rev. Michael Kelly of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and Rev. Charles R. Johnson of Christ Episcopal Church appeared before the city fathers to seek facilities for expanded cultural programs in Bay St. Louis.

—Steps to fill the 27 openings in the compliment assigned to the 139th Transportation Company, Hancock County's National Guard unit were announced by Capt. Thomas O. Logue, administrator of Hancock General Hospital), this week after he assumed command of the company in ceremonies Saturday night at the armory on Washington Road. Logue, who has 14 years of service in the Army Reserves, was transferred to the Mississippi Guard to take the post succeeding Capt. Wallace E. Farragut of Pass Christian. Farragut has been CO here since the unit returned from a year's active duty at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., during the Berlin crisis. Farragut has been transferred to the staff of the 135th Battalion at Biloxi.

(Photo). Joseph Marchino, newly elected

president of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, confers on plans for year with Mrs. Wayne Ducomb, vice-president and Russell Chapman, treasurer.

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Two boys received the Eagle award at the Bay Pass District Court of Honor ceremonies held in the K.C. Hall Monday night. This district is a part of the New Orleans Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Gus

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Students at Second Street Elementary School observed Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31 with a rally in the school gymnasium. Students competed in cheers with one another. Here fourth-graders in Mauffray's Knights were from left, Katie Broadhead, Desree Bailey, Megan Cusick, Jane Lanclos, Madison Hansell, Denetra Shelley, Bibi Desouza, Christine Kegley, Wiley Stewart.

Second Street observes Red Ribbon Week

Second Street Elementary School, 400 N. Second Street, Bay St. Louis observed National Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, with a number of activities culminating with a rally in the school's gymnasium.

The National Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children.

In 1997, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse began committing resources to ensure the continuation of the Red Ribbon Campaign in Texas, as well as the hopes and beliefs behind this grassroots effort to protect children from the dangers of

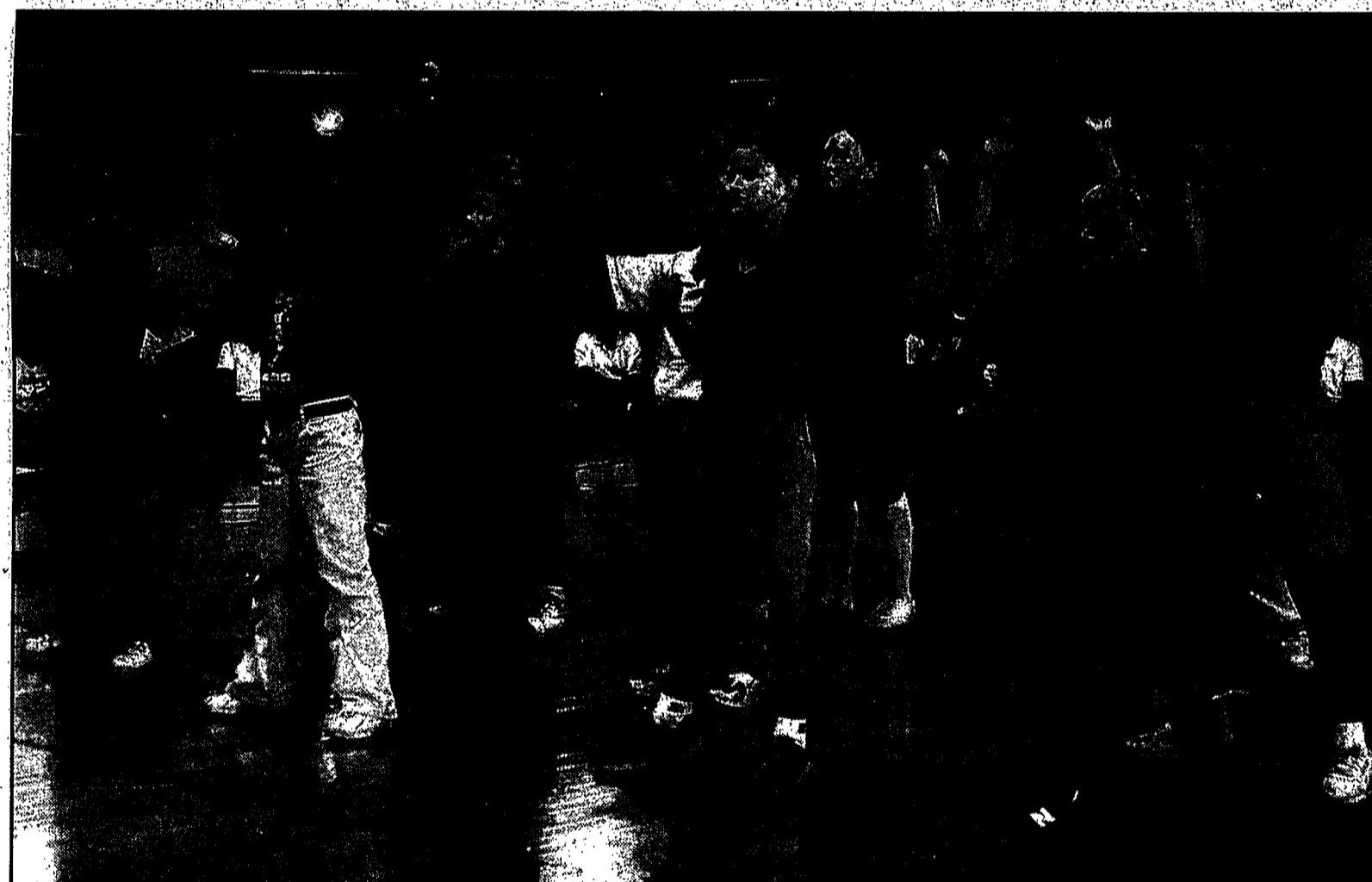
alcohol and other drugs.

Red Ribbon Week is observed in honor of the late Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Officer, killed in the line of duty.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.



Second Street Elementary School Principal Ricky Reed, right, helps Cody Mitchell in the annual Red Ribbon Week Rally.



Students at Second Street Elementary School observed Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31. Cheering are Kelly Cases's Super Soldiers, front row from left, Erika Page, Alex Braun, Bo Stiglet, Kelly McKeough. Second row, Tyler Wells, Mason Netto, Ashley Flood. Third row, Meghan Maddox, Maranda Davis, Matt Elliott, Cheyenne Roberts, Amanda Cupit.

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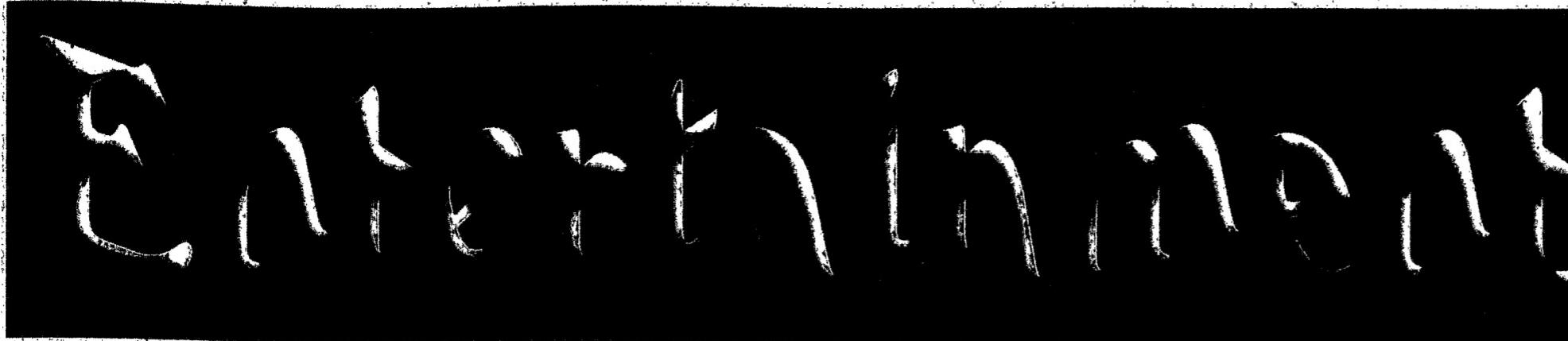
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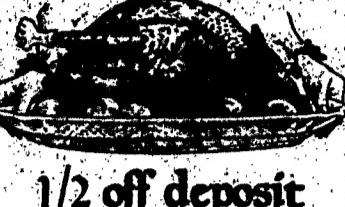
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156 Lots/Acreage

158 Commercial Property

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161 Condo Rental/Sale

DIAMONDHEAD 1-BEDROOM Condo for rent, furnished, water paid, \$520/month plus deposit. Available Jan. 1st. 467-3654.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. AUDERER, JR.

MARJORIE F. AUDERER EXECUTRIX CAUSE NO. 2001-04-918(2)

SUMMON

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, MR. DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. AUDERER, JR., DECEASED.

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You are not required to do anything else.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on the 16th day of November, 2004.

MAJORIE F. AUDERER, Executrix

DATED: 11/16/04 MARJORIE F. AUDERER, Executrix

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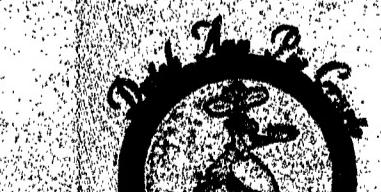
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